

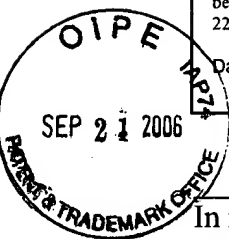
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 21, 2006 (Paper No. 20060124), for which a response is due on June 21, 2006. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to September 21, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.